

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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**Bills Committee on  
Construction Workers Registration Bill**

**Meeting on  
Tuesday, 24 June 2003, at 10:45 am  
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung (Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
- Public Officers attending** : Environment, Transport and Works Bureau  
  
Mr W S CHAN  
Deputy Secretary for the Environment, Transport and  
Works (Works)  
  
Mr Helius K M NG  
Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment,  
Transport and Works (Works)

Department of Justice

Mr Lawrence S Y PENG  
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman (Acting)

Ms Selina LAU  
Government Counsel

**Attendance by  
Invitation**

: The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

Mr LAM Wo-hei  
Member

Mr Bernard HUI  
Member

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ir Dr LAU Ching-kwong  
President

Individual

Dr WONG Kam-din  
Eastern District Councillor

Construction Industry Training Authority

Mr WONG Chi-lap  
Senior Manager (Safety Training & Trade Testing)

The Hong Kong Construction Association Ltd.

Mr Billy WONG  
President

Mr Jimmy TSE  
Permanent Supervisor

The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

Mr Robert TSOI  
Representative

The Hong Kong Electrical Contractors' Association Ltd.

Mr Howard LOK  
Vice President

Construction Site Workers General Union

Mr SUNG Chee-tak  
General Secretary

Mr HO Hung-kei  
Organizing Secretary

The Federation of Hong Kong Electrical & Mechanical  
Industries Trade Unions

Mr SIN Kai-ming  
Vice Chairman

Hong Kong and Kowloon Electrical Engineering &  
Appliances Trade Workers Union

Mr WAN Koon-sun  
Chairman

Hong Kong Air-conditioning & Refrigerating Trades  
Workers General Union

Mr KWOK Chi-keung  
Chairman

Fire and Security Engineering Employees Association

Mr CHOY Ip-kin  
Chairman

Electronic Communication Technical Staff Union

Mr HO Kwok-kin  
Chairman

Mr WONG Chi-kwong

Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union

Mr CHOI Chun-wa  
Chairman

H.K. & KLN. Brick-laying & Construction Trade Workers' Union

Mr TING San-hing  
Chairman

Hong Kong & Kowloon Carpenters General Union

Mr TO Yee-sum

Hong Kong and Kowloon Painters General Union

Mr KWONG Tat-ming  
Chairman

Hong Kong Plumbing General Union

Mr LAM Kwok-ling  
Chairman

Hong Kong & Kowloon Bamboo Scaffolding Workers Union (Tung-King)

Mr CHIU Kwong-keung  
Vice Chairman

Hong Kong & Kowloon Masonry & Building Workers Union

Mr CHEUNG Wing-ki  
Vice Chairman

Hong Kong Construction Industry Surveying, Levelling and Project Supervision Staff Association

Mr KAN Ming-tung  
Secretary

Hong Kong Construction Industry Formwork Workers Union

Mr CHOW Wai-man  
Chairman

Hong Kong Construction Industry Bar-Bending Workers Union

Mr FUNG Kin-cho  
Secretary

Hong Kong & Kowloon Cement & Concrete Construction Trade Workers Union

Mr YU Wing-sun  
Chairman

Hong Kong & Kowloon Dockyards & Wharves Carpenters General Union

Mr CHAN Kin-wah  
Vice Chairman

Welding Industry Employees Association

Mr CHEUNG Chung-pak

Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employee

Mr LAI Chi-keung  
Chairman

Mr FONG Ping-wah  
Committee member

The Neighbourhood and Workers' Service Centre

Mr SETO Chun-pong  
Labour Affairs Officer

**Clerk in attendance :** Mr Andy LAU  
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Monna LAI  
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Ms Alice AU  
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)5

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**I Confirmation of minutes**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)1983/02-03 - Minutes of meeting held on 2 June 2003)

The minutes of meeting held on 2 June 2003 were confirmed.

**II Meeting with deputations/individuals/the Administration**

2. The Bills Committee received views from 28 deputations/individual and deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).

3. In view of time constraint, the Bills Committee agreed that the Administration would be invited to respond to the views and suggestions raised by the deputations/individual at the next meeting to be scheduled. To facilitate members' consideration, the Bills Committee requested the Administration to provide a consolidated written response to such views and suggestions after the meeting.

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4. Taking note of the divergent views of the attending deputations/individual on the proposed 10-year qualifying period for exemption from holding the relevant qualifications for registration as "skilled worker", the Bills Committee requested the Administration to hold further discussion with all the stakeholders of the construction industry with a view to securing a consensus view on the exemption requirement. The Bills Committee would decide on the way forward when the Administration reverted to the Bills Committee on the outcome of such discussion.

**III Any other business**

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:55 pm.

Council Business Division 1  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
27 October 2003

**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on  
Construction Workers Registration Bill  
Tuesday, 24 June 2003, at 10:45 am  
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda Item I – Confirmation of minutes</i>			
000000 – 000349	Chairman	Welcoming remarks	
<i>Agenda Item II – Meeting with deputations/individuals/the Administration</i>			
000350 – 000554	The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(13)]	
000555 – 000749	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(12)]	
000750 – 000926	Dr WONG Kam-din	- Declaration of interest - Presentation of views on the Bill	
000927 – 001210	Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2027/02-03(03)]	
001211 – 001533	The Hong Kong Construction Association Ltd. (HKCA)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2027/02-03(04)]	
001534 – 001950	The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong (REDAHK)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(02)]	
001951 – 002032	The Hong Kong Electrical Contractors' Association Ltd.	Presentation of views on the Bill	
002033 – 002207	Construction Site Workers General Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(01)]	
002208 – 002447	The Federation of Hong Kong Electrical & Mechanical Industries Trade Unions	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(03)]	
002448 – 002531	Hong Kong and Kowloon Electrical Engineering & Appliances Trade Workers Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(03)]	

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002532 – 002804	Hong Kong Air-conditioning & Refrigerating Trades Workers General Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(03)]	
002805 – 002804	Fire and Security Engineering Employees Association	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(03)]	
002931 – 003225	Electronic Communication Technical Staff Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2058/02-03(03)]	
003226 – 003808	Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(11)]	
003809 – 004416	H.K. & KLN. Brick-laying & Construction Trade Workers' Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(08)]	
004417 – 004803	Hong Kong & Kowloon Carpenters General Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(09)]	
004804 – 005324	Hong Kong and Kowloon Painters General Union (HK&KPGU)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2087/02-03(01)]	
005325 – 005659	Hong Kong Plumbing General Union (HKPGU)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(10)]	
005700 – 010035	Hong Kong & Kowloon Bamboo Scaffolding Workers Union (Tung-King)	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2087/02-03(02)]	
010036 – 010526	Hong Kong & Kowloon Masonry & Building Workers Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2087/02-03(03)]	
010527 – 010740	Hong Kong Construction Industry Surveying, Levelling and Project Supervision Staff Association	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2087/02-03(04)]	
010741 – 011039	Hong Kong Construction Industry Formwork Workers	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(05)]	

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011040 – 011302	Hong Kong Construction Industry Bar-Bending Workers Union	Presentation of views on the Bill	
011303 – 011752	Hong Kong & Kowloon Cement & Concrete Construction Trade Workers Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(07)]	
011753 – 012004	Hong Kong & Kowloon Dockyards & Wharves Carpenters General Union	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(06)]	
012005 – 012209	Welding Industry Employees Association	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(02)]	
012210 – 012446	Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employee	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2087/02-03(05)]	
012447 – 012731	The Neighbourhood and Workers' Service Centre	Presentation of views on the Bill [LC Paper No. CB(1)2038/02-03(04)]	
012732 – 013411	Mr LEUNG Fu-wah Dr WONG Kam-din HKCA CITA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flexibility in determining the exemption requirement with reference to the actual practice of different designated trades</li> <li>- Purpose of exemption mechanism: to safeguard the interest of old-aged workers or those who failed to pass the relevant trade tests</li> <li>- CITA's refresher training courses to assist workers in passing trade tests</li> </ul>	
013412 – 013619	Mr Abraham SHEK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support for the proposed registration system and 10-year exemption requirement</li> <li>- Measures to be taken by Admin to address workers' concern about the difficulty in passing trade tests</li> </ul>	
013620 – 014250	Ms LI Fung-ying HKIA HKIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Determination of the exemption requirement with reference to the prevailing practice in the industry for becoming a skilled worker</li> <li>- Existing requirement in public</li> </ul>	

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		<p>works contracts on the engagement of a certain proportion of workers with trade test certificates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scope of work and responsibility expected of skilled workers</li> </ul>	
014251 – 015907	<p>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung REDAHK HK&amp;KPGU HKPGU HKCA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to avoid unduly stringent exemption requirement under the prevailing economic conditions</li> <li>- Determination of the exemption requirement taking into account the need to safeguard the interest of trade-tested workers and to avoid compromising the standard of exempted workers</li> <li>- No guarantee of employment with lower exemption requirement</li> <li>- Recognition of contribution by construction workers</li> <li>- Shortcomings in the current trade test system</li> <li>- Lack of a consensus view within the construction industry on the exemption requirement</li> </ul>	
015908 – 020241	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of a consensus view within the construction industry on the exemption requirement</li> <li>- Determination of a realistic exemption requirement with reference to prevailing trade practices</li> </ul>	
020242 – 020356	Mr Abraham SHEK	Measures to be taken by Admin to address workers' concern about the difficulty in passing trade tests	
<i>Agenda Item III – Any other business</i>			
020357 - 020625	<p>Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Admin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of a lower exemption requirement</li> <li>- Admin to seek a consensus view within the construction industry on the exemption requirement</li> <li>- Way forward for the Bills Committee's work</li> </ul>	Admin to provide a consolidated written response to the views expressed by deputations/individual